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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jason K. Trotter et al.

Serial No.: 10/043,392

Filed: November 7, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
MAKING A BALL AND SOCKET  
JOINT AND JOINT MADE BY SAME

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Examiner: Schiffman, Jori

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed October 11, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 35-51 without prejudice.

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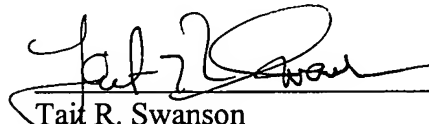
Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-51 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-34 to Group I as being drawn to a method of molding a ball and socket joint, and the Examiner restricted claims 35-51 to Group II as being drawn to a ball and socket joint.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-34 of Group I. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 35-51 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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